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To Whom it may concern:

Hello, my name is Matthew Claverie. I will be graduating from Cal State Chico with a B.S. in Integrated Plant Systems, my plans thereafter are to return here to the Imperial Valley to farm. My family has been farming here for four generations where it has taken the majority of a century to obtain what it is we still work with. I have many concerns about my future here and how Cal-Fed will be affecting my future

My concerns are with the amount of land being proposed, the speed at which this proposal is taking place, and the irreversible affects of where these big city plans are going to take us. It is important that more public hearings take place before any rash decisions are made for us. It is also important to me that more specific information may be public to the land owners and that we may have more time to review the specifics of these plans before they are enacted.

Being one of the largest and best agriculture area's in the world you would think that decisions of this stature would be decided with or by the farmers of this state. It sounds to me that Cal-Fed is doing their best to work around the farmers instead of with them.

Finally, I must say something about our water. Water is a main concern every farmer thinks about daily. This kind of speedy acting on Cal-Fed's part concerns me because it seems like another way to get water away from farms and possibly into the hands of some water districts for their personal good. Farming is getting tougher and it seems everybody is getting tougher on the farmer so before anything is finalized citizens should have adequate opportunity to review the specifics and given time for comments and criticism.

Sincerely

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